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The amendment filed December 17, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance and will not be entered because of the following:

- a. The proposed amendment requires further consideration and/or search (e.g. the new range limitation of claim 14).
- b. The proposed amendment may necessitate the modification of outstanding rejection(s) to address the new limitation.
- c. The proposed amendment may necessitate the raising of new prior art rejections.
- d. The proposed amendment may necessitate the raising of new 112 issues.
- e. There is no convincing evidence under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment was not earlier presented.
- f. Applicants arguments of the prior art of record are moot since the arguments are based on the proposed amendments that have not been entered.
- g. For all the reasons above, the amendment does not place the application in better condition for allowance and/or appeal.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMBER D. STEELE whose telephone number is (571)272-5538. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on 571-272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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